

(3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0028748, published February 10, 2005 in the name of Kuhlmann. This document was cited by the international examiner as an "A" category document with respect to claim 1 of the international application.

(4) WPI/Derwent No. XP-002350072, which pertains to Soviet Union Patent No. SU 1,690,580 A1, published November 15, 1991. This document was cited by the international examiner as an "A" category document with respect to claims 6 and 15 of the international application.

(5) U.S. Patent No. 1,791,381, issued February 3, 1931, in the name of Rogers. This document was cited by the international examiner as an "A" category document with respect to claims 6, 10, and 15 of the international application.

(6) U.S. Patent No. 3,119,373, issued January 28, 1964, in the name of Schmid. This document is discussed in paragraph [0005] of the substitute specification.

(7) German Published Application No. DE 35 28 604, published February 19, 1987. This document is discussed in paragraph [0006] of the substitute specification.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of the written opinion of International Application PCT/DE2005/000994, including an English-language translation of pertinent portions.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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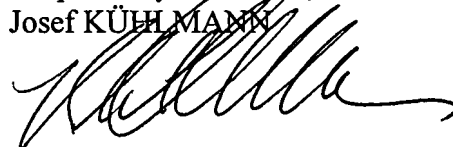
applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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